

## Old World Gossip

BY LA MARQUEISE DE FONTENAY.

YOUNG LORD LISBURN, whose engagement to Miss Bittencourt, daughter of the secretary of the Chilean legation in London and niece of the former President of the Chilean republic, has just been announced in London, is one of those peers all of whose hereditary honors are Irish, but whose estates are situated outside of Erin. For, while his earldom and viscountcy of Lisburne, his barony of Vaughan and of Fethard are all Irish, his acres of landed property are in England, and, although he does not own a single rod of land in the Emerald Isle, or possess any interests there, yet as an Irish peer he is entitled to take part in the election of the twenty-eight peers who represent the Irish peerage in the House of Lords at Westminster.

The patronymic is Vaughan and he is a member of a family that stands in the peerage of the ancient Celtic houses; a family which is well-known in the undisturbed possession of its original country seat, Charles Castle, considerably over 1,000 years. The name and estate of Trawscod, which the Anglo-Saxons corrupted into Grosswood, in Cardiganshire, was already mentioned by the Norman Conqueror, and it has never been alienated, nor has even been occupied by Lord Lisburne's ancestors.

The founder of the family is believed to be a prince of the Five Nations of North Wales. To come down to more recent times, Sir John Vaughan was Lord Chief Justice of England in the reign of Charles II. and his tomb is familiar to American visitors to the Temple Church in London. His son was Lord of the Admiralty, and his grandson was raised to the peerage of Ireland as Viscount Lisburne.

Until the impending marriage of the present Earl is productive of male issue, the next heir to Lord Lisburne's honors is his distant cousin, Viscount Charles Vaughan, late of the Twentieth Hussars, and great-grandson of the third Earl. The Captain is related, through his maternal line, to the O'Sheas, who for more than a century played an important role in the banking world of Madrid, where the chief of the family obtained through marriage the Spanish dukedom of San Lúcar, while another member of the family was that Captain O'Shea who is so unpleasantly remembered in connection with the wrecking of the liner, the Titanic, in the North Atlantic. Charles Stewart Parnell.

The real reason of the abandonment of Queen Eleanor of Bulgaria's widely heralded trip to the United States has now become known. The object of her visit here was to pave the way for the donation on this side of the Atlantic of a Bulgarian loan, and, failing that, to arrange for the sale of Bulgarian Treasury notes here. This was owing to the failure of all the attempts of the Bulgarian government to secure any funds from the money markets of Europe, the Paris financial authorities having at the instance of the Russian government gone back on their promises to advance money to the kingdom of Bulgaria.

After all the preparations for Queen Eleanor's American tour had been completed, the German government took up the matter, and, thanks to its influence, a very large loan has been obtained by Bulgaria from the Berlin money market in return for valuable concessions to Germany and enterprise in Bulgaria, which Germany now threatens to oust Austria, which has threatened to oust Bulgaria. Its last remaining market in the Balkans for Austro-Hungarian goods.

King Albert of Belgium has just given his approval to a sentence of penal servitude for life to be pronounced by the courts of the Belgian Congo, upon a former captain of the Belgian army of the name of Henri Martin, who, employed by the Colonial Department as administrator and chief magistrate of an extensive district of the Congo Valley, availed himself of his authority to put to death under circumstances of the most atrocious cruelty, no less than seventeen natives, men, women and children, with his own hand, and without the slightest pretext.

An appeal was made from the tribunal of the Congo to the Belgian government at Brussels for clemency, on the plea that the terrible climate of the Congo Valley, as well as the solitary life of the white officials, so remote from intercourse with members of their own race, is apt to disturb the mental balance of even the strongest men.

King Albert, in confirming the sentence, and in refusing to remit it, declared that he had accorded due consideration to the effects of the climate, and of the conditions of life in the Congo colony, and that, had it not been for this, he would have remitted the case back to the courts, and would have insisted on the pronouncement of a sentence of penal servitude for life.

Under the reign of Leopold II. such crimes as that of Captain Martin would have gone unpunished. That he should have been called to account in this fashion shows that King Albert and his government are determined to suppress with a strong hand all the cruelties of the former regime, while at the same time it furnishes evidence how thoroughly united the Belgians are temperamentally for life in the tropics, for dealing with the natives. Indeed, the only white people who seem to know how to manage the natives in Africa and Australia, are the English-speaking races.

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former dukedoms, marquises, earldoms or viscounties have been thus recalled into life by the crown. The reason for this is that of the oldest peerages, the only ones to descend in the female as well as in the male line were the baronies by writ of summons—held feudal magnates who were summoned by the crown to sit in Parliament and to give their advice as barons of the realm. When a baron by writ of summons had no sons, but only daughters, the barony went into abeyance until it pleased the sovereign to terminate it in favor of any one of the daughters, or of their male or female descendants.

Now the higher ranks of the peerage, which only came into existence later on, were not due to a writ of summons to Parliament, but to creation by the crown, with various ceremonies and insignia. The fact of being an earl or a duke, by the sovereign, did not necessarily mean that the man thus honored was a peer of Parliament, or entitled to a seat in its councils, unless he was also a baron.

There was no ceremony in creating a baron, and no insignia for him to be invested with. In fact, he had nothing to show save his royal summons to Parliament. On the other hand, the earls and dukes were invested with a golden coronet, a golden wand, a sword of honor, a mantle, and a sword of office, whence the phrase, "a belted earl." Thus, in the earldom bestowed upon Field Marshal Lord Roberts in 1891, for his services in the war in South Africa, the royal patent bearing the "Viscountcy of the Queen Victoria states, "We do hereby invest him with a coronet, with the name, style, title, style, degree, dignity and honor, of Earl Roberts of Gandahar, Pretoria and Waterbury, putting a cap of honor on his head, and a sword of honor on his side." Lord Roberts is, therefore, "a belted earl" in the fullest sense of the word.

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## POSTMASTERS NAMED FOR VIRGINIA TOWNS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Washington, May 30.—Oscar A. Snodgrass has been appointed postmaster at Meadowview, Washington County.

The following postmasters having passed examinations, have been ordered continued permanently: Sweet Briar, Amherst County, William R. Dew; Ankom, Brunswick County, Emmett R. Clary; Barclay, Greensville County, Isaac Rainey; Belches, Sussex County, R. F. Moss; Brink, Greensville County, Robert L. Parr. The post-offices at Elkton, Mecklenburg County, and Lohrville, Lunenburg County, have been ordered discontinued on June 30.

Claude M. Guthrie has been appointed rural carrier on Route 1, at Republic Grove, Halifax County. G. H. M.

## FARMERS FEELING EFFECTS OF LONG DRY SPELL

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Amherst, Va., May 30.—Amherst is still suffering from the effects of the long dry spell. The crops are beginning to wither, and the farmers are feeling the effects of the long dry spell. The crops are beginning to wither, and the farmers are feeling the effects of the long dry spell.

Pursuant to a call sent out about a week ago by the State Board of Agriculture, a number of citizens of the county who are interested in the State Board of Agriculture, met at the county courthouse, and discussed the question of the State Board of Agriculture.

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## FISHERMEN EXPERIENCE UNPROFITABLE SEASON

Runs Have Been Small and Prices Very Low—Farmers Are Drying Up and Crops Are Ruined.

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Lancaster, Va., May 30.—Those who are accustomed to make their living out of the water are complaining of the unprofitable season thus far. The trap-fishers are said to have done the poorest business for many years; the soft crab season is about over; and yet the supply is said to have been smaller and the prices lower than ever was known before. Not less loud are the complaints that come from the farmers and truckers of this region owing to the disastrous dry season that has prevailed here for the past month. Gardens and truck patches are drying up and the green pea crop, that is always a source of considerable revenue to many persons in this part of the Rappahannock Valley, is almost a total failure, the vines drying up in the fields. Many farmers have not yet finished planting corn, and farming operations are practically at a standstill, and must remain so until rain comes to soften the earth. Such a disastrous drought at this season of the year cannot be remembered by the oldest inhabitants of this section.

There are now eighteen cases of smallpox among the colored people living in the southeastern part of Northumberland County. The Board of Supervisors of that county held a meeting yesterday and decided to establish a pesthouse in which to confine all the infected persons. The board had previously ordered a general vaccination of all persons in the neighborhood, where the disease has been rampant for the last two weeks, and up to date more than 200 persons have been vaccinated. As yet none of the patients have died, but several are very sick, having the disease in virulent form. The disease was brought to the locality by a colored woman from Baltimore about one month ago, and so great was the indignation against her among the members of the colored community, that she was threatened with summary vengeance by many of them. No white persons have yet been attacked by the malady, and it is thought that by the establishment of a pest house the further spread of the disease will be prevented.

The outbreak of smallpox at a white settlement on Carter's Creek, in the lower part of Lancaster, about five weeks ago, was promptly checked by the vigorous action of the Board of Supervisors and the county board of health. John Chambers Norris, one of the oldest residents of Lancaster County, died several days ago at Merry Point, where he had resided for the past ten years. He was eighty years old, and had been ill for several months with pneumonia. He was a native of Lancaster County, but moved to Baltimore when a boy and spent many years of his life there. He is survived by one son, Joseph Norris, of Lancaster, and Mrs. Cooper, of Baltimore County. His remains were taken to Baltimore and interred beside those of his wife, who died many years ago.

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Interesting Program Prepared for Commencement Week at Military Academy—Start to Graduates.

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Staunton, Va., May 30.—The finals this year will be the most elaborate in the history of the Staunton Military Academy. They begin on Sunday with a baccalaureate sermon preached in the First Presbyterian Church by Rev. Theron H. Rice, of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond. On June 2, United States Senator Otis M. James, of Kentucky, will address the cadets. On Monday, for the first year, the school will be inspected by the War Department as a part of the reserve military forces of the country. Captain S. J. Bayard Schindler, of the Army War College, will be inspector. The school now has a detailed army officer directing its military course in the person of Captain L. D. Greene. All of this week the school is in camp on Middle River, having marched down the pike to camp, equipped for war, and observing all the rules for entering a hostile country and protecting itself from surprise. There will be a final ball on the night of June 1. Already the party is filling with visitors from all parts of the United States and abroad, parents and friends of cadets.

There are sixty young men in the graduating class, the largest ever graduated from the academy. They are: William W. Aldrich, Daniel G. Arnold, Charles C. Bernard, Armin Barteldes, James C. Ballou, Edward V. Boagins, Robert G. Burleigh, Roy Bryant, Adelbert Brown, Albert C. Campbell, James E. Cantrill, Arch Chilton, Jack W. Copeland, Albert M. Crance, George do Lauro, John L. Eldridge, Russell H. Friend, William D. Harwell, Harry H. Harrison, Thomas J. Henry, Charles W. Herr, Jr., Cromwell R. Horton, Frank T. Hoyt, Jr., Vilas Horner, Thomas S. Jones, Leon Jastrowski, Jr., Gilbert L. Kendall, Daniel L. LaMarche, George T. Lyon, Jacob A. Levy, H. Raymond Mason, Roy W. May, Samuel T. Mayall, Edwin Matson, Carl H. Mueller, Harry W. McCullough, Jr., Robert W. McCall, Robert C. McCall, F. McCallister, Gordon K. Nigh, Gerald F. O'Rourke, Philip S. Perkins, Josiah M. Reese, Lee L. Roan, Allan D. Robinson, James T. Rosenberger, William Scott, Jr., Everett L. Scott, Robert C. Scott, Guy Strong, Rodney E. Snow, E. Percy Smith, John A. Thomas, Carl H. Wahl, George S. Wear, George H. Withers, Jr., and Charles W. Wiley, with post-graduates Weston W. Moore, Albert E. Colburn and Edwin Roach.

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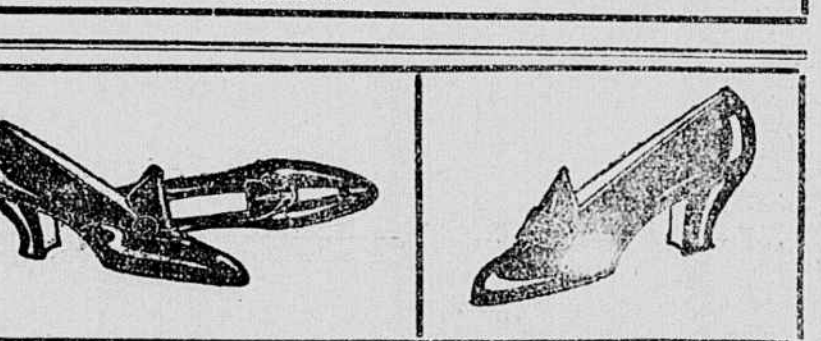
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